

# MARYELLEN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS



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## 2010 Annual Report

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# A message to friends of the Franklin County Clerk of Courts

I became your Franklin County Clerk of Court of Common Pleas in January 2009. Since that time, I have encouraged my staff to think differently about their jobs and the way they perform their responsibilities. With the changes we have put into place, an open mind and willingness to adapt have been essential for our staff. They have been up to the task. My more than 230 deputies, located in our legal and title divisions, are knowledgeable in their work and execute their duties well. These hard-working public servants strive every day to provide timely, accurate and courteous service to you, our constituents.

As you take the time to look through this Annual Report, make note of volume of documents that flow through our offices. We operate the biggest county Clerk's operation in the state, processing more than five million pieces of paper in our legal division in 2010, and issuing over 500,000 titles in our auto title division.

We are striving to attain three goals that will revolutionize the operations of this office and the way we serve our customers. They continue to be our focus into 2011.

The first is the move to our new Courthouse. Our ribbon cutting ceremony occurred in December of 2010. Our Civil, Criminal, and Records divisional teams will transition to the new General Division office in the first quarter of 2011.

The second is electronic filing of court documents. Our information technology team and other court and county personnel have been programming and testing components of a new E-filing system

since mid-year 2010. We anticipate E-filing will be presented to our legal community in the summer of 2011, complete with training of this 21<sup>st</sup> century process and all its updated features.

Finally, we continue to provide online access to redacted court documents back to July of 2009, a system that has been up and operational outside the Courthouse since December 2009. We are being extremely careful to balance the public's right to access court information with the right to privacy, and the prevention of identity theft and fraud.

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but also the best, Clerk's office in the state. Those who work in the legal and title communities must have the best and most efficient means to carry out their responsibilities for their clients, and we, in turn, work *hard* to provide them with the highest level of service.

For those who transact auto titles, and transact that business in this county, we are most grateful. We work constantly to provide the best customer service and the fastest turn-around time of any title office in the state. We know that auto dealers, auto title runners and processors, and others in the industry have choices. You have decided to do business with us, and we thank you. We will work to be worthy of the trust you have in us.

The Clerk of Courts plays a significant role in Franklin County government. We ensure the records for the Court of Common Pleas, the 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals, and motor vehicle records for our citizens are processed and maintained in a timely, accurate, and courteous manner. Our Deputy Clerks manage a tsunami of paperwork every day. Their service is a vital function of the Franklin County justice system. We will strive for continuous improvement, to ensure that taxpayers who visit the Courthouse or one of our auto title locations believe that our management and performance is worthy of their trust and their investment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maryellen O'Maughan".

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# Maryellen's bio



**M**aryellen O'Shaughnessy began her term as Franklin County Clerk of Common Pleas Court in January 2009.

As Clerk of Courts, O'Shaughnessy is committed to providing timely, accurate and courteous service. The Clerk's office is the largest operation of its kind in Ohio. She oversees a vast system of records, a staff of 236, and a 2010 budget of \$12.8 million. She has worked hard to improve turnaround time and boost transparency by applying advances in technology.

Prior to serving as Clerk, O'Shaughnessy was elected three times as a Columbus City Council Member, representing the 15th largest city in the nation. She was committed to providing excellent services, listening to neighborhood concerns, and



providing the resources necessary to keep her community thriving. She served as chair of the Public Service and Transportation, Utilities, and Development committees, working for sustainable development and growth practices, complete streets policies and balanced transportation systems, and the redevelopment of Downtown Columbus and its core neighborhoods.

O'Shaughnessy provides the leadership necessary to guide the Clerk's office as it undergoes dramatic changes. She will oversee the implementation of E-filing, enabling the legal community to electronically file court documents. She began making court documents available online in her first year as Clerk. In addition, she has prepared the Civil and Criminal divisions to combine as the General Division as they move to the new Courthouse.

O'Shaughnessy continues to work to establish a professional atmosphere, and provides her front line staff with the tools, structure, and resources to be document management specialists. She continues to emphasize training, professional advancement, and best practices, in order to provide the residents of Franklin County with the highest level of public service.

O'Shaughnessy is a fifth-generation Central Ohioan, and comes from a family dedicated to public service. She is also a fourth-generation funeral director and owner of O'Shaughnessy Company Funeral Directors, established in 1889.

A graduate of Bishop Watterson High School and The Ohio State University, O'Shaughnessy is an



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active volunteer in her church and parish, and is past recipient of the Diocesan Service Award.

O'Shaughnessy is also involved in the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association and the Ohio Funeral Directors Association, sitting on their legislative committees. She is on the boards of the Columbus Historical Society, the Greenways Working Group of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and Consider Biking.

It is the Franklin County Clerk of Courts' mission to provide timely, accurate and courteous service to the legal community, the auto title community, and to the general public.

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The Clerk's office is responsible for maintaining the official record and managing related financial management services for the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and the Ohio 10th District Court of Appeals.

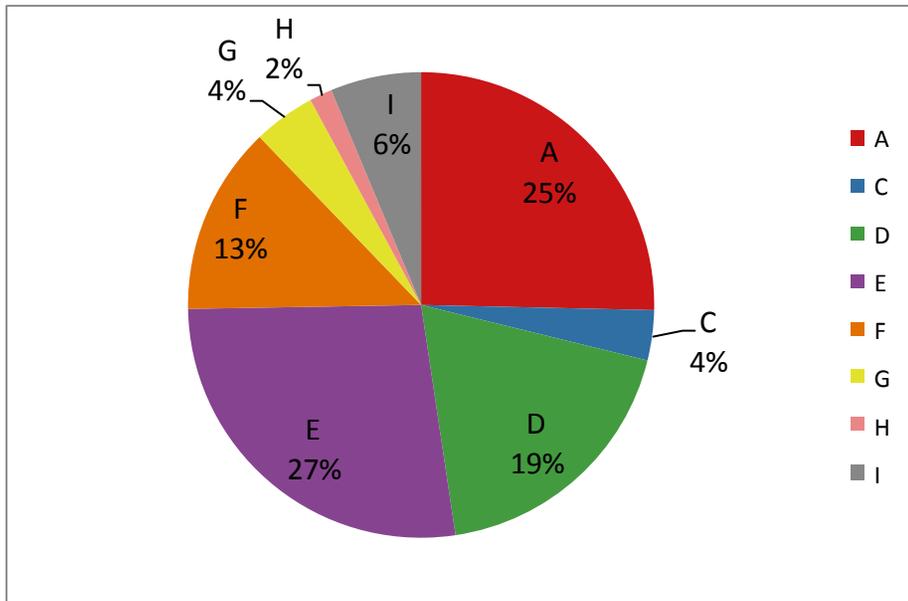
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The Clerk's office is also charged with issuing Certificates of Title for motor vehicles, and managing related financial services, for the State of Ohio.

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# By the numbers: Appeals Division

Case Type	New cases 2009	New cases 2010	% change
A — CCP ( <i>Franklin County Court of Common Pleas</i> ) Criminal	316	306	-3%
C — FC Muni ( <i>Franklin County Municipal Court</i> ) Traffic	52	42	-19%
D — Original Actions	226	227	0%
E — CCP Civil	341	327	-4%
F — CCP Domestic, Juvenile and Probate	141	158	12%
G — FC Muni Civil	49	52	6%
H — Administrative Appeals	11	19	73%
I — Ohio State Court of Claims	79	76	-4%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>-1%</b>



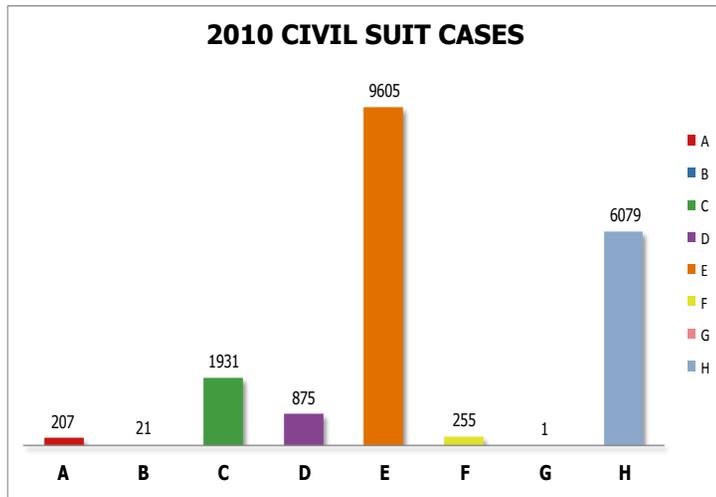
“It was absolutely wonderful to have the Clerk of Courts office provide a personalized tour of the office’s divisions and to see the size and scope of all that the staff manages each day for the courts they serve. As a trial judge for the past seven years and now as an appeals judge, I know first hand the importance of the thorough and accurate work clerks do. I appreciate your work very much. Thank you.”

~**Judge Julia Dorrian, Court of Appeals**

## By the numbers: Civil Division

Civil Suit Case Type	New cases 2009	New cases 2010	% change
A — Professional Tort	176	207	18%
B — Product Liability	22	21	-5%
C — Other Torts	2,009	1,931	-4%
D — Workers Compensation	982	875	-11%
E — Foreclosures	9,481	9,605	1%
F — Administrative Appeal	271	255	-6%
G — Complex Litigation*	4	1	-75%
H — Other Civil	6,397	6,079	-5%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19,320</b>	<b>18,974</b>	<b>-2%</b>

These cases were previously filed under another category, then designated "Complex Litigation" cases by the court.



"I was very impressed with the caliber of the operations at the Franklin County Clerk of Courts office. This office's staff took the initiative to plan and execute this process working closely with us in advance of our filing. As a result, this massive project resulted in a smooth operation without a hitch. It's the best experience I've ever had in working with a Clerk of Courts office."

~Kurt Liederbach  
Atty. at Law, Cleveland

### Other Category Cases

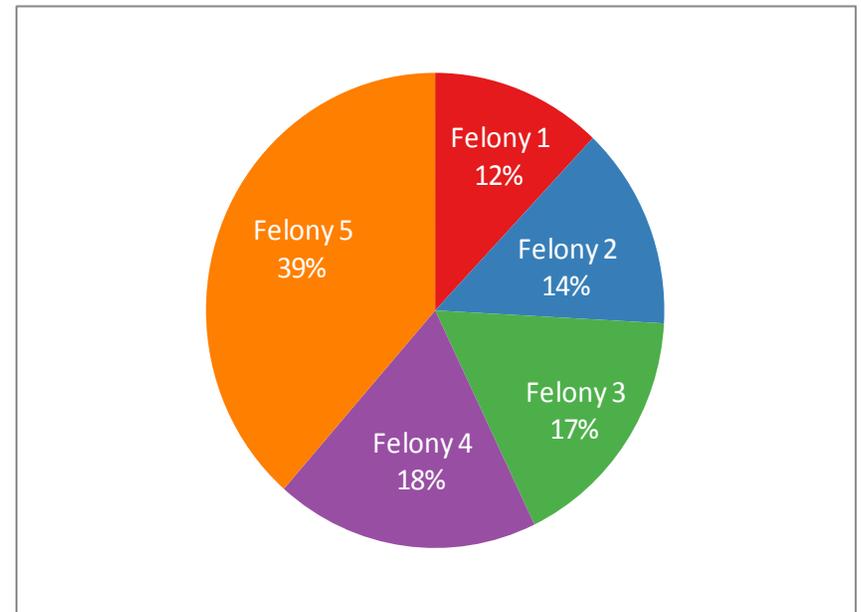
	New cases 2009	New cases 2010	% change
Executions	1,028	712	-31%
Certificates of Judgment	53,159	51,454	-3%
Lis Pendens	10	29	190%
Miscellaneous	854	776	-9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>55,051</b>	<b>52,971</b>	<b>-4%</b>

# By the numbers: Criminal Division

	New cases 2009	New cases 2010	% change
Felony Indictments	7,864	7,580*	-4%
Expungements	753	902	20%
Miscellaneous	712	665	-7%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9,329</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>-2%</b>

\*Errata 4/21/2011: ERROR discovered post printing. 2010 Felony Indictments actual 7580. Calculations changed accordingly.

## Detail of 2010 Felony Indictments by charge degree



**Criminal cases are categorized by felony or misdemeanor degree. The degree depends on the statute for the crime with which a defendant is charged. First-degree felonies (Felony 1) are the most serious, fifth-degree felonies (Felony 5) are the least serious.**



Official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Franklin County Courthouse took place in December of 2010.

# By the numbers: Domestic Relations Division

	New cases 2009	New cases 2010	% change
<b>Divorce et. al. cases</b>			
ANC — Annulment with children	1	3	200%
ANNC — Annulment, no children	22	37	68%
DMC — Dissolution with children	687	735	7%
DMNC — Dissolution, no children	1,028	1,051	2%
DRC — Divorce with children	1,519	1,488	-2%
DRNC — Divorce, no children	1,723	1,822	6%
LSC — Legal Separation with children	37	34	-8%
LSNC — Legal Separation, no children	26	18	-31%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,043</b>	<b>5,188</b>	<b>3%</b>

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	New cases 2009	New cases 2010	% change
<b>Civil Protection Order (Domestic Violence) cases</b>			
MC — Married with children	407	344	-15%
MNC — Married, no children	217	191	-12%
UC — Unmarried with children	540	597	11%
UNC — Unmarried, no children	791	716	-9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>-5%</b>



December 2010: The Clerk's office posted its first video on YouTube, detailing the documents required to file for a divorce.

## By the numbers: Juvenile Division

Case Type	New cases 2009	New cases 2010	% change
CSV — Custody, Support, Visitation	3,731	4,450	19%
AND — Abuse, Neglect, Dependency	1,580	1,874	19%
DU — Delinquent, Unruly, Department of Youth Services	10,147	9,650	-5%
PNP — Parentage, Non-existence of Parentage	943	1096	16%
MISC — Miscellaneous	907	702	-23%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17,308</b>	<b>17,767</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Juvenile Traffic Violations</b>	<b>4,638</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>-18%</b>

“The accuracy of handling and processing court records is extremely important to the operations of this office. In the Juvenile Division, we are aware of the fact that each document represents a court case revolving around a child’s life. We take our responsibility very seriously, and execute our mission with respect to the gravity of the effect these documents may have on a child’s well-being.”

~Torrey Taylor  
Manager, Juvenile Division



## By the numbers: Auto Title Division

<b>Automobile</b>	<b>Titles issued 2009</b>	<b>Titles issued 2010</b>	<b>% difference</b>
Original	434,640	400,558	-8%
Replacement	44,496	46,256	4%
Duplicate	33,580	32,168	-4%
Salvage	48,710	40,687	-16%
Salvage Replacement	3,062	2,940	-4%
Salvage Duplicate	547	500	-9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>565,035</b>	<b>523,109</b>	<b>-7%</b>



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<b>Watercraft</b>	<b>Titles issued 2009</b>	<b>Titles issued 2010</b>	<b>% difference</b>
Original	3,557	3,280	8%
Replacement	278	358	29%
Duplicate	412	403	-2%
Salvage	6	5	-17%
Salvage Replacement	0	2	0%
Salvage Duplicate	0	0	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>4,048</b>	<b>-5%</b>

# By the numbers: 2010 budget and revenues

## 2010 BUDGET\*

Operating Budget	Funds	Full-time Employee Equivalent Allocation
Auto Title Program	General Fund	Auto Title Program
\$4,698,169	\$3,380,130	79.9
Legal Services Program	Certificate of Title Administration Fund	Legal Services Program
\$7,050,964	\$6,984,515	138.38
Financial Mgmt. Program		Financial Mgmt. Program
\$1,089,849		18.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>\$12,838,982</b>	<b>\$10,364,645</b>	<b>236.49</b>

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## 2010 CONSOLIDATED REVENUE STATEMENT \*\*

Revenue	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Legal	839,316.99	951,581.47	925,300.04	884,517.49	3,600,715.99
Computerization Fund General Div.	81,993.66	87,350.00	84,436.89	82,508.11	336,288.66
Computer Fund Domestic Relations Div	21,936.00	28,479.75	27,919.00	24,813.25	103,148.00
Auto Title Fund	995,006.36	1,697,449.63	1,632,596.85	1,957,427.19	6,282,480.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,938,253.01</b>	<b>\$2,764,860.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,670,252.78</b>	<b>\$2,949,266.04</b>	<b>\$10,322,632.68</b>

\*Approved by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners  
December 2009

\*\*Figures listed do not include funds the Clerk's office collects and disburses to other agencies from court costs, as directed by statute (examples include Crime Stoppers and the Public Defender's Office).

## Information Technology

The Clerk's Information Technology department (FCCC-IT) is dedicated to maintaining, supporting and enhancing the Franklin County Clerk of Courts' data operations and working with other county agencies on select projects to improve functional operations throughout the county, ultimately benefitting constituent groups.

Some of the department's 2010 highlights include:

- In May 2010, FCCC-IT participated in the electronic filing (e-filing) project kickoff and dedicated its focus to developing and testing e-filing features in advance of the official live launch schedule. Attorneys will be able to electronically file documents first in our Civil Division after implementation in Summer 2011.
- FCCC-IT created and managed:
  - ⇒ the *Auto Title Cash Balancing System* (in conjunction with FCCC-OBM) to improve cash handling practices with proper security controls and audit and reporting tools in place.
  - ⇒ *Service Request System* to manage FCCC's service requests;
  - ⇒ *Requisition Tracking System* to manage the agency's purchase requests and inventory controls of these items.
  - ⇒ *Collections System* to automatically create 30 day, 60 day, and final collection notices for court costs associated with Civil, Domestic, Criminal and Appeals divisions.
- FCCC-IT maintains the Intellivue Imaging System that images court documents and automatically redacts personal identifiers from those images.

**In 2010, the Franklin County Clerk of Courts office imaged and auto-redacted 5,184,928 pages of court documents.**

## Office of Budget and Management

The Clerk's Office of Budget and Management (FCCC-OBM) provides cash management services to the Clerk of Courts Office and the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. FCCC-OBM's goal is to process and account for 100 percent of the financial transactions within thirty days of revenue receipt with 100 percent rate of accuracy.

Some of the Office of Budget and Management's 2010 highlights include:

- Coordinating and implementing the *Auto Title Cash Balancing System* (in conjunction with FCCC-IT) to improve cash handling utilization with proper security controls, and audit and reporting tools in place.
- Collaborating with the FCCC-IT to begin migrating data and IT operations to an updated platform, the *Clerk's Financial System*, which will simplify and enhance the office's report-writing capabilities and accountability measures.
- Receiving an excellent report from the Auditor of State's office, with only two minor recommendations, offering insight on strengthening existing control measures.



**In 2010, FCCC-OBM coordinated a budget of almost \$13 million and revenues of more than \$10 million. See preceding page for details.**

# Dealers Appreciation page

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Our thanks to the hundreds of new and used motor vehicle dealers who transacted their titles with the Franklin County Clerk of Courts Title Division in 2010. We will continue to work with you in 2011 to provide the best customer service of any title agency in the state of Ohio.

The motor vehicle dealers highlighted represent the 32 companies who process the largest number of titles with the Franklin County Clerk of Courts office.



## Locations & contact numbers

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### LEGAL OPERATIONS OFFICES

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#### **APPEALS DIVISION**

373 S. High Street, 23rd FL  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 525-3624

#### **CIVIL DIVISION**

369 S. High Street, 3rd FL  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 525-3621

#### **CRIMINAL DIVISION**

369 S. High Street, 3rd FL  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 525-3650

#### **RECORDS ROOM**

(Civil and Criminal cases)  
369 S. High Street, 3rd FL  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 525-3625

#### **DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION (Divorce)**

373 S. High Street, 4th FL  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 525-4410

#### **JUVENILE DIVISION**

373 S. High Street, 4th FL  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 525-4411

#### **JUVENILE TRAFFIC SECTION**

399 S. Front Street, 1st FL  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 525-5279

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### TITLE OPERATIONS OFFICES

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#### **TITLE MAIN (South Branch)**

Great Southern  
Shopping Center  
45 Great Southern Blvd.  
Columbus, OH 43207

#### **TITLE EAST**

Wyandotte Center  
5111 E. Main Street  
Columbus, OH 43227

#### **TITLE NORTH**

The Patio Shops  
1484 Morse Road  
Columbus, OH 43229

#### **TITLE WEST (Shipley Service Center Branch)**

Charles D. Shipley Building  
1970 West Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43223

**Title Help Line: (614) 525-3090**

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## Appeals Division (p. 6)

**CCP** — cases which originated from the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

**FC Muni** — cases which originated from the Franklin County Municipal Court.

**Administrative Appeals** — appeals from a decision rendered by the State or County government (statute dictates whether these are filed in the Court of Common Pleas or the state Appeals Court).

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## Civil Division (p. 7)

**Professional Tort** — a “tort” is a civil injury or wrong for which a remedy can be obtained. A “professional tort” involves injuries alleged to be the result of a mistake or omission by a licensed professional (i.e. a doctor, a lawyer, or a CPA).

**Other torts** — the primary category in which all other tort suits, like personal injury claims, are filed.

**Administrative Appeals** — Appeals from a decision rendered by the State or County government (statute dictates whether

these are filed in the Court of Common Pleas or the state Appeals Court).

**Complex Litigation** — generally involves difficult or new legal issues, a significant number of pre-trial motions, large amounts of evidence and numerous parties. Cases designated “complex litigation” have a longer case track than most others and can only be assigned to that category by court order.

**Other Civil** — a residual category used for civil cases that cannot be identified as belonging in the other listed civil classifications, such as contracts, accounts, and civil stalking protection orders.

**Execution** — an order of the court authorizing seizure of real and/or personal property.

**Certificate of Judgment** — certifies the existence and amount of a judgment rendered by a court of record, and creates a lien upon any and all property owned by the defendant.

**Lis Pendens** — secures a plaintiff's claim on the property in legal contention so that

the sale, mortgage, or encumbrance of the property will not diminish plaintiff's rights to the property, should the plaintiff prevail in its case.

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## Criminal Division (p. 8)

**Expungement** — an application by a defendant in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case to seal the record of that case based upon specific statutory requirements.

**Miscellaneous** — includes extradition cases (bringing defendants in or sending them to another state) and Rule 4 cases (bringing defendants in or sending them to another county).

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## Juvenile Division (p. 10)

**Miscellaneous** — includes Registration of Foreign Order cases (cases that originated in another jurisdiction), Juvenile Civil Protection Orders, Consent to Marry and Consent to Abort cases, and Grandparent Power of Attorney

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*Coming in 2011*

**The new Franklin County Courthouse**

Offices of the General Division (the Clerk's Civil, Criminal and Records Divisions) will relocate to 345 S. High Street, 1st Floor.

Phone numbers for the General Division offices, and contact information for all other legal division offices, will remain the same.

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